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	Phong H. Nguyen	3724	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 April 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2 and 4-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2 and 4-11 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1, 2 and 4-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Farmerie (5,212,887).

Regarding claim 1, 2, 5, 6 and 7, Farmerie teaches a reciprocating power saw having a housing, a motor-driven reciprocating stroke bar (62) with a tool receptacle arranged at a free end of the stroke bar (62), and a bearing means (82) bearing the stroke bar (62) in a tool-side end zone of the housing axially displaceable and pivotable, wherein the bearing means (82) has a guide part with a bearing passage for receiving the stroke bar (62), and wherein the bearing means (82) is mounted in a receiving passage (see attached Fig. 2) in the housing by an elastic secondary bearing element (92), and wherein the secondary bearing element (92) is a circular ring and has a circular cross-section, and wherein the receiving surface has a bearing groove for receiving the secondary bearing element. See Figs. 2, 5 and 6.

Regarding claim 4, Farmerie teaches a guide part having a counter bearing groove for receiving a secondary bearing element 92. See attached Fig. 2.

Regarding claim 8, see attached Fig. 2.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 9-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Farmerie in view of Bednar et al. (US Pub. 2001/0034941 A1), hereinafter Bednar.

Regarding claim 9, Farmerie teaches the invention substantially as claimed except for a seal in the bearing means 82. Bednar teaches a seal 163 for a bearing means for preventing debris entering the saw housing. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art to provide the bearing means of Farmerie a seal as taught by Bednar to prevent debris entering the housing.

Regarding claims 10 and 11, a groove for receiving the seal 163 is best seen in Fig. 2 in Bednar.

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1 and 2 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

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6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Phong H. Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-4510. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri.

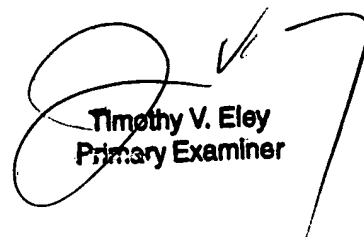
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Boyer Ashley can be reached on 571-272-4502. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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May 16, 2006



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Primary Examiner

